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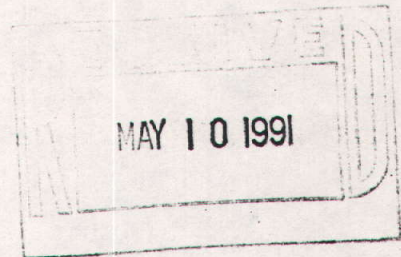
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RE: Emergency Ponds No. 1 & 2

Dear Mr. Kluksdahl:

We have inspected and reviewed as constructed drawings and supporting information on the referenced project.

On March 15, 1991, a 1.2 million-gallon pond was constructed on the top of Cells 7 & 8 on heap leach pad No. 1. On March 24, 1991, construction of a 1.0 million-gallon, second pond was completed on top of Cell Nos. 5 & 6, on heap leach pad No. 1. These ponds were constructed to safeguard against possible discharges that may occur from storms exceeding design storm event.

These two emergency ponds have not been built to the standards which would prevent failure of dikes. These ponds must be drained as soon as adequate reserve storage is available in the approved process ponds.

Your letter dated April 26, 1991 states that you plan to continue to use the emergency ponds. The emergency ponds must be kept drained at all times except for containing overflow in emergencies.

If you have any questions, or wish to discuss this issue further, please call Lyle Stott at 538-6146.

Sincerely,

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